Pamplin

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Elon Baptist Church met last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The topic for discussion was "The Evils of Our Community." Mrs H. T. Terry was the program leader for this month. The meeting was well attended.

Callers in the Beulah Cobb home last week were the Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Harris, of Culles; Mrs. Parsons, of Richmond, Mrs. E. L. Parker, of Charlottesville. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Parker, of Appomattox; Mrs. Rudy Jamerson and Charles, Mrs. Pat Price and children.

Miss Sallie Farrar was Friday overnight guest of Miss Mary Daxton Roberts in Lynchburg and they went ice skating at Natural Bridge, Va.

Mrs. Eunice Baldwin, Mrs. C. B. Layne and children spent Saturday in Lynchburg visiting relatives and also went shopping while there.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Eunice Baldwin were her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Pittinger, of Harrisonburg, Va.

Mrs. C. W. Slayton accompanied by Mrs. Clayton Beale motored to Lynchburg Saturday and were guests of Mrs. Slayton's sister-in-law, Mrs. Millard Tuck.

Mrs. Clayton Beale visited Mrs. Will Baldwin last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Baldwin is on the sick list.

Dinner guests of the Clayton Beale's Sunday were their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Beale, of Appomattox.

Callers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Fore through last week were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ramsey, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Watt, of Appomattox; Mrs. Linford Cumby; Mrs. Harry Nash; Mrs. Wesley Hamlett, Mr. Aleck Rosser; Mrs. Eunice Baldwin; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maxwell and Mr. Coley Ramsey. Mr. Fore continues ill in his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Garrison, Jr. visited Mr. and Mrs. James Garrison, Sr. Sunday at Madisonville.

Recent visitors of Miss Mamie Morris, a patient in the Cobb Nursing Home includes Mrs. Richard Tuck and small daughter, Tammy and Mrs. Harry Salmon, all of near Charlotte Court House and Mr. John Thomas Hamilton of Madisonville.

Mr. Millard Slayton, of Farmville, visited Mr. Charlie Lackey in the Cobb Nursing Home here Sunday.

During the Christmas season Mr and Mrs. Lacy Dickerson had all of their family with them, children and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Toller accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Dickerson went to Lynchburg to visit their daughter, Carol, in the Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John David and daughters of North Carolina were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lucado. They also visited other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cyrus and daughter, Linda, of Lynchburg were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ramsey. Friday night callers in this same home were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marsh, Brenda and Becky, of Oakville.

Through the week visitors of the McCalls were Mrs. Z.T. Moran, Mrs. E. N. Cunningham and Mrs. W. R. Brightwell, M. B. Duling and the Reeve family.

Mr. Z. T. Moran's sister, Mrs. Nannie Pibleyar, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Young and daughter, Terri, visited him last week. They all live in Salem, Va.

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Stonewall

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carson of their daughters, Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Garrett, for New Year's Day. Sunday Mr. and Mrs Garrett left for Blacksburg to visit their home and Mr. and Mrs. McClinty left for Danville, where he will teach school.

Sorry to report Mrs. Annie D. Horsley and Mr. Osborne Davidson are now under the doctor's care. Hope both will soon be feeling fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee had as their last week end guests, Miss Barbara Lee and Mr. Carlton Elliott, of Lynchburg.

Mis Bettie Alvis has returned to her school after spending the holidays at her home.

Bill Stratton and John Osborne Harrison have returned to V.P.I.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited Mrs. Betty Kidd and Brad Wheeler last Friday night in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Hop Elliott came home Tuesday night after a two weeks visit in New York to see her sisters.

Recent supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Elliott were Hop Elliott and Richard Elliott, of Winfall.

Some farmers are in town to sell all of their tobacco. Hope prices will be good for there is no crop raised that requires as much work.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnett's new home will soon be ready for them to move in. Sorry to have had them from the neighborhood but they still come back to church at Hebron.

Herndon Grocery Store is now under new management.

Mr. Layne, of Lynchburg, is the new manager now. Good luck to him.

Beckham

Mrs. E. B. Martin was Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore.

Michelle Tweedy, of Appomattox and Judy Burge spent Friday night wit htheir grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin and aunt, Mrs. Ashby Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Drinkard visited Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and Miss Eunice Martin Saturday night. Mr. Thomas Martin, Carolyn Jo, Ronnie Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin visited in this home on Sunday evening.

Miss Mildred Moore spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore.

Pam Martin was Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin, Jr. and Janet.

Mrs. R. E. Mays spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin and Mrs. Ashby Martin.

Mrs. J. T. Morris plans to leave Virginia Bantist Hosital on Wednesday. Those visiting her Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin, Jr., Janet, Pam, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris.

Ricky Burge is on the sick list. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Clyde Moore spent the week end with Mr. H. O. Martin.

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The Pastor Speaks

Rev. Thomas Waddill

Long ago the Psalmist asked the question, "What is Man?" Some of the great thinkers of Christianity have asked the question, "What is man's purpose in living?" Today, more of us are interested in the question, "How can I be prepared to live?" As a minister I am involved not only in the task of getting people prepared to die but also in the task of getting them prepared to live. How often we fail to prepare to live! We are too busy living to see farther than tomorrow or next week. We need to look across the years into the future and be prepared to live to the fullest the years which God gives us.

One area of preparation is what many call emotional maturity. One often hears parents say, "Why don't you grow up?" Unfortunately we don't have as much to do with our own personality development as we might like. It is formed during the tender years of our lives before we become really conscious of what is taking place. Our parents set the pattern. Let us hope that it is a good one. They taught us how to handle frustrations, bumps and hurts, unacceptable feelings, and our wants and desires. By and large we will continue to react to our environment in the same way we learned as children. Beginning in the teenage years a person becomes more responsible for his own emotional growth. He always has the opportunity to put the final touches on the picture of his personality. He can change the picture if he desires (though it may take years of hard work), and he can leave the picture unfinished. Too often we do this and fail to grow up.

Another area of preparation involves the demands of society for material success. Our country was carved out of the wilderness by people with strong backs and largely uneducated minds. Men of learning could be found, but one did not need a formal education to cross a living for himself and his family out of the fertile soil. Since the beginning of the 20th century the picture has changed. Fewer people live on farms, the family farm has all but disappeared, jobs in industry requiring little education are becoming fewer yearly. The need for a high school education, as critical as it is now, will become ten times more critical before the end of the century. It is becoming more and more apparent that the average person, whether man or woman, needs to spend from one-fourth to one-third of his life in the formal educational process, preparing himself to live.

The third, and most important area of preparation is the spiritual. It can and should take place simultaneously with the other two. When the Psalmist asked the question, "What is Man?", God gave the answer by sending His Son. Man is a spiritual being. He cannot live apart from God for he was created to have fellowship with God. No man has been prepared to live who has left God out of his life. We need to know God, His forgiveness, and His presence. We need to make a practice of spending time with Him, letting Him enter us to live. Only in this way can we completely prepare ourselves to live.

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Thomas A. Waddill, Pastor
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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 4:12 through 6:34.
Devotional Reading: Matthew 5:1-13.

Time Of Destiny

Lesson for January 17, 1965

As Matthew tells the story, Jesus and his older cousin John were not only both preachers; a summary of their preaching is expressed in the same words for both. Repent! for the Kingdom of heaven is near." Scholars and saints have puzzled over this short sentence. What does "repent" mean? Why the demand for repentance because the Kingdom is near? What is the Kingdom of heaven? Is it heaven, or in heaven, or is it a part of this earth? We cannot answer all these questions in a short space. Consider only one question, about the Kingdom of God. What is it and how does it draw near? We offer a simple definition: The Kingdom of God (or of heaven; the words are used interchangably in the New Testament) is not a place; it is a state of things in which God's will is the supreme law.

Well, some one will say, isn't God's will supreme everywhere and always? And if it is, how can the Kingdom be more in one place or at one time than another? How can such a Kingdom "draw near?" The answer, of course, is that God's will is always supreme, but only when it is acknowledged and obeyed can we say the Kingdom is fully come. But this will perhaps be clearer if we look at three points which come out in the background chapters.

The Kingdom Spoken

Now anybody who has any knowledge of God knows that pious good words, even true words, do not make a good man and do not make the Kingdom of God. Not in talk but in act is religion best shown and tested. All the same, Jesus and John and a host of followers, have found it necessary to talk a great deal about the Kingdom. Man is a thinking animal, and we have to think with words. One of the last commands Jesus gave was "Teach . . . ." The Christian religion would have evaporated off the earth centuries ago if there had been a conspiracy of silence to kill it. So we have the Sermon on the Mount and all the other teachings of Jesus which have been handed down to us. How we wish there were more!

The Kingdom Lived

A religion which is without words and a religion which is all words, are equally bad. This is where the command Repent! comes in. It is clear that the people of Galilee thought of the Kingdom mostly as a "g o od time coming." They thought of what they could get out of it rather than of what they could put into it. They expected God to blow out and forever banish all evil in his glorious Kingdom. What both John and Jesus insisted on was that to enter the Kingdom — or indeed even to see it — people must change their whole way of life. The word Repent in the Greek means to change one's mind; but not in the trivial sense as when we speak of a woman's privilege of changing her mind. The word as does deep; it means to change one's whole way of looking at things. It means making the will of God supreme, really supreme, for you. It means the earrest search, at all turns of life's road, to know what the will of God is in this situation. This kind of "repentance" will not end with a quick "I'm sorry." It works out into God-centered living. In Matthew's story, the first thing Jesus does after preaching the sermon on the mount is not to go to work on a better sermon but to go around helping people. That's the Kingdom lived.

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